

BRISTOL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Held: April 2, 2015, at Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island

Present: Chairman Oryann Lima, Members Victor Cabral, Thomas Enright, John Allen, Mary Millard, Ben Bergholtz, Jessica Doyle

Also Present: Andrew Teitz, Esq.

Chairman Lima brought the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

1. 15-001 – 996 Hope St., Matthew Perry
1. repair windows; 2. add storm windows

James Medeiros relative of the property owner, Matt Perry, presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-D. Mr. Perry has modified his application from replacing the windows to repairing them and adding Point One storm windows. Peter Paltrineri will do the repairs and will install zinc metal weather stripping to the windows.

Member Allen noted that repairing the windows is a, “great alternative” to replacing existing wood windows.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 15-001 as presented for repair of the front windows and installation of storm windows in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (Enright/Allen 7-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 7

Project Monitor: Thomas Enright

2. 15-030 – 70 Franklin St., Steven Hudak
2nd story addition

Property owner Steve Hudak and his contractor Carl Benevedes presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits BB-EE. Application is to erect a second story addition onto an existing sunroom at the rear of the house. Owner stated he needed the room for an extra bedroom for his expanded family. During renovation he would like to remove an existing chimney from the south elevation.

Chairman Lima stated that any original fabric of the house was removed a long time ago. Owner stated his window preference is Pella all wood, double pane, SDL, but would like the option to use Brosco (previously approved) if possible.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 15-030 as presented with material as listed in exhibits including Pella all wood windows or alternately Brosco all wood in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #9, 10 (Enright/Allen 7-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 9, 10

Project Monitor: Oryann Lima

3. 15-031 – 155 Hope St., Herreshoff Marine Museum
replace flagpole

Bill Lynn, Executive Director, presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-K. Application is to replace the severely deteriorated Wood flag pole with a new fiberglass reproduction. Remnants of the existing not affected by rot will be repurposed.

Solicitor Teitz voiced concern regarding copying the existing asking if a new pole, “should look new.” He stated he felt it was conjecture that the pole was of historic importance. Chairman Lima asked applicant why it was being duplicated. Director Lynn stated they wanted to duplicate the original because they liked the design.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 15-031 as presented for a fiberglass replacement flag pole erected in the same location in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #9, 10 (Cabral/Allen 7-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 9, 10. Also, the existing pole has been in existence only since 2001, it has no historical significance to the Town of Bristol, and it poses a danger due to rotten condition.

Project Monitor: Victor Cabral

4. 15-033 – 63 Church St., James & Elizabeth Flynn
new arbor

Property owner Beth Flynn presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-H. Application is to build an arbor in the rear yard to support a grape vine. The arbor will be wood and have wood posts.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 15-033 as presented in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (Allen/Enright 7-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 9

Project Monitor: John Allen

Member Ben Bergenholtz recused himself from hearing the next application.

- 5.** 15-035 – Bradford St., Thomas & Marianne Bergenholtz
1. add rear dormer; 2. remove rear skylight

Property owner Tom Bergenholtz presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-I. Application is to install a dormer on the rear (south) elevation and to remove an existing skylight. The new dormer will duplicate the one on the east elevation. Anderson 400 series casement, wood, windows will be used as they were on the east dormer.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 15-035 as presented to remove a skylight and to construct a new dormer with windows and materials as submitted and shown in exhibits in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (Allen/Cabral 6-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 9

Project Monitor: Mary Millard

Member Bergenholtz resumed his seat on the Commission.

- 6.** 15-032 – 14 Howe St., Chris Harkins
CONCEPT REVIEW – new single family house

Property owner Chris Harkins presented. Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B. This flag shaped lot with 25' on High St. was determined to be in the Historic District by Solicitor Teitz. He stated that the owner could go to the Town Council for a zone change or apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness from this commission. Solicitor Teitz stated that the Commission could use more lenient criteria for materials with new construction.

The main concerns of the Commissioners were the view of the house from High street and the design of the house itself. The majority of the Commissioners were okay with the design with the exception of members Bergenholtz and Allen. All members felt there should be heavy plantings in the back yard to screen view of the house from High St. Member Millard suggested that the owners be encouraged to keep house colors muted.

Use of modern materials have been approved in the past and would be considered, if appropriate, when this application is heard.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

Staff Report:

Staff Approvals – March = 2, copy attached
Project Monitor Report(s)
Old Business

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was unanimously passed at 9:00PM

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Date Approved: May 7, 2015

BRISTOL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Monthly Sign-Off Report
March, 2015

DATE	APP. NO.	ADDRESS	WORK DESCRIPTION – In Kind
3/3	15-029	168 High	Replace storm windows, storm door
3/24	15-036	19 Byfield	Reside east elevation